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## Terrapins Warmly Welcomed Home

The men's basketball team returned from the Final Four to a triumphant welcome at Cole Field House on April 4, as moms, dads, kids, grandparents, students, faculty and staff gathered to show appreciation for the team. At left, Testudo keeps the geared-up crowd of about a thousand avid Terrapin fans entertained in advance of appearances by the athletes and head coach Gary Williams (above), among others. (More about the rally on page 4.)

## UM Named One of 16 Sites Nationwide for "Teachers as Scholars" Program

The University of Maryland has won a \$10,000 grant to become one of only 16 sites nationwide to host an innovative program that provides extra training to public school teachers. The grant is provided by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Other Teachers as Scholars sites include Harvard, Carnegie Mellon and Princeton universities. The College of Arts and Humanities at Maryland will

start its much-anticipated program this spring, said Associate Dean Gabriele Strauch.

"The grant provides us with an opportunity to continue our community outreach, which is one of the missions of the university," Strauch said. "And it gives local teachers the opportunity to get intensive training in the arts and humanities."

The pilot program will be phased in over three years. In the first year, several of the

university's most distinguished scholars will conduct intensive one- to three-day seminars for 100 K-12 teachers from Prince George's and Montgomery County public school systems.

Participating teachers will receive release time during the school day to attend the daylong seminars. They will have access to all the resources at one of the

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## MIND Lab Launched

The university has launched its new Maryland Information and Networks Dynamics (MIND) Laboratory, a major research and testbed facility for information technologies.

The lab will provide institutional and industrial partners a focal point for defining, developing, evaluating and deploying new information technologies under the direction of a world-class group of university researchers with track records of innovation.

The work in the MIND lab will complement and support research to be conducted in the new Fujitsu research institute for advanced computer technology, which was dedicated March 26. The MIND lab is assisted by support from Fujitsu Laboratories Ltd.

"The new MIND lab offers our world-class faculty and students new opportunities for challenging and relevant research through which they can translate university-developed information technologies and skills into the communication tools needed by our region and nation," said President C. D. Mote, Jr. "Industry will benefit not only through the development of key products, but also because undergraduate and graduate student involvement in the MIND lab

will produce future IT workers experienced in the real-world concerns of companies."

Michio Fujisaki, president of Fujitsu Laboratories Ltd., said his company was excited to work in collaboration with the MIND lab. "I believe our joint research efforts, as well as the work we will be doing in the Fujitsu research institute, will help us create new technologies that will truly enrich people's lives in the 21st century."

Fujitsu Laboratories Ltd. and its U.S. Subsidiary, Fujitsu Laboratories of America, announced last month the establishment of a new research institute in College Park to develop technologies that more closely link computers to people's everyday lives. Pervasive computing, bio-informatics and quantum computing will be the first research initiatives pursued at Fujitsu's new lab.

Initial projects to be undertaken by the MIND lab include development of an advanced system for locating users of cell phones based on a patented university technology and a Washington Tourist Information system to allow visitors to the region to use a single networked device for everything from taking a guided museum tour to navigating around town to purchasing tickets for

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## New Dean Not a New Face on Campus

### Jerry Wrenn Changes Title, but not Focus

His corner office provides grand views of the space that is to be the Comcast Center. Trees sway, birds chirp and early spring sunshine spills in on his immaculate desk. Jerry Wrenn, dean for the College of Health and Human Performance, is in a good place.

To hear him tell it, it's been good for at least 35 years, no matter what his position.

"We're dealing with topics that are important to society—human movement, health, families," says Wrenn. "We're

learning more and more about what health and activity can do for disease prevention."

Wrenn came to the university as a physical education doctoral student in 1966, when it was still the College of Physical Education, Recreation and Health.



A year later, he was asked to be an instructor in the physical education department. Although he came in with no intention of staying past graduation, he accepted an assistant professor position upon completion

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Your Guide to University Events  
April 10-18

## Tuesday april 10

9-11:30 a.m., Workshop: "Writing PRD Expectations: The Key to Performance and Productivity." PRD training for all employees. Call 5-5651 or visit [www.personnel.umd.edu](http://www.personnel.umd.edu).

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Workshop: "Managing and Conducting the PRD Process: PRD Training for All Supervisors." Call 5-5651 or visit [www.personnel.umd.edu](http://www.personnel.umd.edu).

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "Understanding Hadron Structure, Bit by Bit." John Negele, William Coolidge Professor of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Preceded by refreshments at 3:30 p.m. 1410 Physics. Call 5-3401.

5:30 p.m., Lecture: "10 Key Issues for a Start-up Founder." With law partners Andy Varney and Lanae Holbrook and senior associate Mark Fajfar of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson, a leading Wall Street law firm. Part of the Hinman CEOs Program's Successful Entrepreneur Series. TAP (Technology Advancement Program) Building, Technology Drive. Call 5-3677 or e-mail [karent@eng.umd.edu](mailto:karent@eng.umd.edu), or visit [www.hinmanceos.umd.edu](http://www.hinmanceos.umd.edu).

## Wednesday april 11

12-1 p.m., Research & Development Meeting: "Prevention with Our Youngest Terrapins: School-based Mental Health at UMCP's Center for Young Children." With Beth Warner, assistant director, Counseling Center. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg. Contact Stacey Holmes, [scholmes@wam.umd.edu](mailto:scholmes@wam.umd.edu).

2-3 p.m., Workshop: "Reading Your Quarterly Financial Statement and Managing Risks." A TIAA/CREF representative explains their new quarterly statements, and discusses recent financial events and risk management. Call 5-5651 or visit [www.personnel.umd.edu](http://www.personnel.umd.edu).

7 p.m., Writers Here & Now series. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p.8.)

7:30 p.m., Lecture: "The Debt: What America Owes Blacks," with Randall Robinson. Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center. A reception will follow the talk. For more information, call 5-6835.

## Thursday april 12

11 a.m., Presentation: "Community Architecture: User Participation in Design." With Henry Sanoff, AIA, Distinguished Professor of Architecture at the School of Design, North Carolina State University. Auditorium, School of Architecture. Call 5-6790.

12-2 p.m., Workshop: "Introduction to GIS (UM Libraries)." Two-hour hands-on workshop teaching the basic operations of the ArcView GIS

off's Symphony No. 2. Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

## Friday april 13

12-1 p.m., Colloquium: "Shifting Frames and Conflict Intractability: The Case of the Edwards Aquifer," with Dr. Linda Putnam, Texas A&M University. This presentation focuses on a study of a multi-party environmental conflict typical of a classic common resource pool. The study centers on the communica-

### Outlook Online is Back

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(Geographic Information Systems) software. 2109 McKeldin. The workshop is free; registration is required at [www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/gis.html](http://www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/gis.html). Or contact User Education Services, 5-9070 or [ue6@umail.umd.edu](mailto:ue6@umail.umd.edu).

3:30 p.m., Lecture: "Commerce with an E: The Transformational Dimensions of Information Technology in Global Provisioning." With John L. King, Professor & Dean, School of Information, University of Michigan. Part of the "Leveraging Corporate Knowledge" series. Rouse Room, Van Munching Hall. For information, see [www.rhsmith.umd.edu/ces](http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/ces).

8 p.m., Performance: "University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra." Guest conductor Leon Fleisher leads a program featuring Beethoven's Overture to Egmont, Copland's Orchestral Variations and Rachmanin-

tive framing and the shifts in frames that occur over time in stakeholder perceptions and media coverage of the dispute—particularly as they relate to casting the conflict as intractable or entrenched. Sponsored by the Department of Communication and the College of Arts and Humanities. 0200 Skinner. For information, call 5-8077 or [mccomas@wam.umd.edu](mailto:mccomas@wam.umd.edu).

12 p.m., Seminar: "Two Types of Language Structure in the Brain." With Colin Phillips, Department of Linguistics. Part of the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program's 2001 Spring Seminar Series. 1208 Biology-Psychology. Visit [www.life.umd.edu/NACS](http://www.life.umd.edu/NACS) or call 5-8910.

8 p.m., Performance: "Franklin Cox, Cello." Guest specialist in new music performs contemporary works for solo cello.

Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For tickets and information, call 5-7847.

## Monday april 16

4 p.m., Entomology Colloquium: "Quantitative Resistance to Rice Stem Borers and Plant Hoppers: Gene Mapping and Genomics." With Michael Cohen, Entomology & Plant Pathology Division, International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines. 1140 Plant Sciences Building. Call 5-3795.

8 p.m., Performance: "Karlheinz Stockhausen Concert." Featuring Stockhausen's classic work for percussion, piano and tape, Kontakte. Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For tickets and information, call 5-7847.

## Tuesday april 17

12:30-2:00 p.m., "Integrating IT into the Humanities: Toward an Action Plan." Part of the Digital Dialogues Spring 2001 series of brown bag roundtable discussions in collaboration with MITH and ACS. MITH Conference Area, 2nd Floor, Taliaferro Hall.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "Magnetic Fields In The Early Universe." With Hector Rubinstein, Professor of Theoretical Physics, Stockholm and Uppsala University. Preceded by refreshments at 3:30 p.m. 1410 Physics. Call 5-3401.

7 p.m., Lecture: "Heterosexism and the Black Community." With Jaimie Washington, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, UMBC. 1139 Stamp Student Union. Call 4-8341 or e-mail [cor413@yahoo.com](mailto:cor413@yahoo.com)

8 p.m., Performance: "Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal." Artists-in-residence at the School of Music hold their final on-campus rehearsal of the semester. Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

8 p.m., Performance: "University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble." The premier ensemble of the Maryland Band program performs Symphony in B-flat by Paul Hindemith, Suite from Candide by Leonard Bernstein, and a premier by Johann de Meij. Conducted by John E. Wakefield. Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

## Wednesday april 18

9-10 a.m., Workshop: "Requisition for Purchase Templates." Learn to use templates developed by the Department of

Procurement and Supply to create the purchase requisition on IBM and MAC computers. Call 5-5651 or visit [www.personnel.umd.edu](http://www.personnel.umd.edu).

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Workshop: "Procurement Information Display on the World Wide Web." Learn to track requisitions through the purchasing process and monitor status at any point, and to retrieve information from the Web site. Call 5-5651 or visit [www.personnel.umd.edu](http://www.personnel.umd.edu).

12-1 p.m., Research & Development Meeting: "Predictors of Doctoral Student Enrollment to Ph.D. Programs." With Ian Williamson, assistant professor, Smith School of Business. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg. Contact Stacey Holmes, [scholmes@wam.umd.edu](mailto:scholmes@wam.umd.edu).

4 p.m., Mary Shorb Lecture: "New Insights into Diabetes Through Investigations on Glucose and Its Metabolites," with Jeffrey Kudlow, M.D., University of Alabama School of Medicine. Sponsored by the Graduate Program in Nutrition and The Mary Shorb Lecture Series. 0408 Animal Science Building. Reception at 3:15 p.m. in the concourse.

7:30 p.m., Performance: "University of Maryland Jazz Ensemble & 'Monster' Jazz Lab Band." Faculty percussionist Steve Fidyk leads both groups in a program featuring works by Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich, Bob Mintzer and Victor Mendoza. Guest appearance by faculty woodwind artist Chris Vadala. Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

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## PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT MARYLAND



### Timing is Everything: Jim Petosa and "The Glass Menagerie"

Directing "The Glass Menagerie" is a dream come true for Jim Petosa, guest director for University Theatre's production in the Studio Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Petosa has always wanted to direct the evocative memory play, ranked as one of the top 10 plays in the past 100 years. He planned to direct it at Olney Theatre Center, where he serves as artistic director. But when his lead actress became unavailable due to family illness, he had to defer his dream.

Petosa has been involved with the university for more than 10 years, and this marks his fifth time directing a University Theatre production. Working with students in a university environment complements his work in a professional theatre environment, providing an opportunity for Petosa to articulate ideas and experiment with different artistic possibilities.

"Often, work that I have done in a school setting directly translates into professional productions," says Petosa. Sometimes it is the production itself, as was the case with the Helen Hayes award-winning "Jacques Brel," which began as a University Theatre production. The award is the local version of the Tony Award.

However, Petosa continues, sometimes "it's the artistic ideas that have been explored that reappear in a different context. The experience of experimenting collaboratively with student companies and designers is exciting and challenging."

Petosa cast professional actress Helen Jean Arthur, last seen in "The Road to Mecca" at Olney Theatre

Center, in the role of Southern belle Amanda, the domineering matriarch of the Wingfield family. Having a seasoned professional actress in a student production brings a certain synergy to the rehearsal process. Petosa says it "raises the stakes for the students. They see her generous nature as an artist, her fearlessness and her discipline. By watching her at work, they automatically raise their own standards."

Seeing young talent develop shape is part of what motivates Petosa to work with students. Collaborating with scenic design student Melagros Ponce De Leon was a two-way creative journey. "We exchanged ideas for the set over a four-month period, reviewing photographic images from St. Louis industries, exploring colors and textures. The final product resembles an exploding fire escape; a metaphor," says Petosa, "representing the psychological fire that is fed by Amanda's son Tom leaving home."

Just as Petosa sees the enormous possibilities in his student actors and designers, he anticipates the endless creative opportunities that the new performing arts center presents. "You can't help but be smacked in the face by its potential." With that statement, Petosa heads off to rehearse the production he's been waiting a lifetime to put on stage.

Performances of "The Glass Menagerie" are April 25-29 and May 1-May 5 at 8 pm; April 29 and May 6 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for standard admission; \$7 senior citizens, students and standard groups; \$5 senior citizen and student groups. Call (301) 405-7847.

For the Joy of It:

## The Maryland Dance Ensemble

The Maryland Dance Ensemble will present its first showcase performance on May 4 and 5 in the Kay Theatre. Graduate and undergraduate students will perform highlights of works by faculty, guest artists Mark Haim, Gesel Mason and Pearson/Widrig.

Faculty dance pieces span a wide range of emotional terrain, touching emotions and creating vivid imagery about what it means to be human. Ed Tyler will perform his solo choreography, "Tainted," a powerful improvisation-based work about life, death and loss, created in memory of his mother. Nejala Yarkin presents her solo work "For People With Wings," a tour-de-force technical piece about the human desire to fly. Miriam Rosen will present a duet, the aptly named "Two, Sometimes Together," an award-winning piece with two dancers that explores the theme of connections and being connected.

Department Chair Alcine Wiltz will perform his work "Sanctuary," with guest artists Joseph Mills and Leonard Wood. "Sanctuary" speaks to the different levels of human sanctuary and spiritual easings. Wiltz will also perform "Intersecting Parallels," a piece originally written for three women and recently revised for three men, which took on a whole new meaning for Wiltz in its re-invention.

During Friday night's performance, Washington Performing Arts Society will



present its Pola Nirenska Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Emeritus Larry Warren and his wife, Professor Anne Warren. The \$5,000 cash award is given for outstanding contributions to dance in memory of modern dancer, choreographer and teacher Pola Nirenska, a native of Warsaw, Poland, who helped establish the modern dance community in Washington, D.C.

Tickets are \$20 regular admission and \$5 for full-time students with ID. Call the Ticket Office at (301) 405-7847.

ALL THAT JAZZ

Ken Burns calls jazz "America's music." On April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall, enjoy the university's two terrific jazz groups, the Jazz Ensemble and the "Monster" Jazz Lab Band, in a free concert that showcases the best of the Big Band sounds. Featuring music by Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich and others. Special guest appearance by faculty woodwind artist Chris Vadala.

### Take 5—and Sing Along!

You don't need to be a singer to join Ysaye Barnwell, vocalist and instrumentalist with the internationally acclaimed Sweet Honey in the Rock, for a community sing. A free event, Tuesday, April 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Laboratory Theatre.



### International Trio Brings Romance to Concert Hall

Spring is in the air as the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center presents "Program for a May Romance," Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall.

The concert is presented in honor of the World Federation of International Music Competitions (WFIMC) conference, which will be held in Washington, D.C. on May 4 and 5.

"Program for a May Romance" will feature University of Maryland's past international competition winners: Israeli cellist Gavriel Lipkind, Russian bass vocalist Tigran Martirosyan and Belarus pianist Andrey Ponochevny. The talented trio, who have never performed together, will present a varied program with music by Schubert, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Bizet, Chopin, Glinka, Gounod, Moskvovsky and Cassado.

The University of Maryland and the University of South Africa are the only major universities in the world

to sponsor competitions at this level. "This performance is in recognition of the federation and the University of Maryland's participation in the most prestigious organization of international music competitions in the world," says George Moquin, Competitions Director. "Thanks to the work of the federation, classical music heritage is preserved and perpetuated throughout the world."

Ticket prices are \$20 and \$15, and \$5 for full-time students with ID. For more information, contact the Center Ticket Office at (301) 405-7847.





**Virginia Trimble**, an instructor with the department of astronomy, is one of six elected a Foreign Associate of the Royal Astronomical Society in London. Trimble was also named the 2001 Klopsteg Memorial Lecturer by the American Association of Physics Teachers. She will deliver her lecture in Rochester, NY, in July.

**Matthew Bobrowsky**, adjunct professor at University College and astrophysicist with the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, received a Regents Excellence in Teaching award. He has taught at UMUC since 1983. He is regarded by his students as an inspiring teacher and has devoted his time to training colleagues in Web-based teaching methods.

Recently, he was part of a team that developed a basic astronomy course for online delivery that has enrolled more than 200 students from the United States and five other countries.

The University of Maryland Office of Continuing and Extended Education (OCEE) has added new people to its staff.

**Paul Roche** is senior project manager of distributed learning. He will provide day-to-day management and oversight of e-learning (Web-based degree programs), including program development, design, implementation, financial management, promotion and program assessment. Roche's experience includes 11 years of business planning and analysis, operations and logistics and business systems implementation. Previously Roche served as associate director of operations in the office of undergraduate admissions at Georgetown University.

**Meredith Phillips** has joined OCEE as the coordinator of SPOC (Single Point of Contact). Phillips has extensive experience in customer service that will aid in directing SPOC, which is a one-stop administrative process where students get information and register for credit classes. She was previously associated with the Office of the Registrar as a production coordinator assisting with SPOC and was the One-Card Coordinator.

**Chuck Wilson** is assistant director of summer and special programs. As assistant director, Wilson will initiate new programs and courses and serve existing summer programs. Wilson was assistant dean and director of credit programs for the adult and special programs division at the University of Scranton. Wilson was also a senior program/conference planner for continuing education at Penn State supervising a team of professional and support staff to develop more than 100 outreach initiatives a year.

## Creating Technical Synergy

### Summer Technology Program Educates Teachers, Students

**H**igh school students with a gift for things technological will have an opportunity to explore their talents through a new summer residential program.

The Governor's Institute for Technology allows 30 high school juniors and five teachers from throughout the state to learn cutting-edge technology from some of the university's top instructors. There are similar programs on the campus, such as one sponsored by Women in Engineering and the BRIDGE program. However, this institute offers a component for teachers as well as their students.

"We're hoping that they'll go back and influence larger numbers of people," said Nariman Farvardin, dean of the School of Engineering. "There hasn't been enough synergy between what happens in the high schools and the university."

His school is working with the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences to produce a curriculum for the program. Participants will be able to focus on either electrical and computer engineering or computer science. Farvardin sees the institute as a way to introduce high

school students to the "exciting" world of information technology.

"I feel a strong obligation to help fuel the economic engine of this area," said Farvardin. "Information technology is one of the most important areas [of growth]. It would benefit from an increase of trained workers."

Juniors in high school are making decisions about college majors and careers, says Lisa Kiely, director of undergraduate academic and administrative matters, department of electrical and computer engineering. Exposing them to opportunities now is a great way to fulfill both Farvardin's obligation and recruitment goals for the university.

Budgeted at \$250,000, the program will feature faculty instructors with graduate student assistance, guest speakers, field trips and team projects.

Farvardin would like to see the program expand to include other disciplines, such as electrical, aerospace and chemical engineering. He shares in Kiely's vision to give even more students and teachers a chance to learn.

"I would like to grow this program to offer it to hundreds of students and teachers," he said.

## Faculty and Staff Recognized for Innovative Teaching With Technology

Ten faculty and staff members were selected as 2001 Teaching With Technology award winners for their innovative uses of technology in the teaching-learning process at the university.

The awardees are Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Judith Torney-Purta, Brigid Starkey, Elizabeth Blake and Elizabeth Kielman, of the Department of Government and Politics and College of Education. Their award was for the International Communication and Negotiation Simulations (ICONS) Project.

Also recognized for their innovative work were John D. Lea-Cox, David S. Ross, K. Marc Tefteau, Ellen N. Varley and Duane S. Mason, of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Their project was an interactive, Web-based course entitled "Water and Nutrient Management Planning for the Nursery and Greenhouse Industry."

The awards were conferred at a ceremony during the Teaching with Technology Conference on March 30. Donald Riley, vice president and chief information officer, and Jim Greenberg, director for the Center for Teaching Excellence hosted the event with the support of Provost Greg Geoffroy and co-sponsored by the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Over the two decades of its existence, the ICONS project has sought to use the opportunities presented by new technologies to reshape the curriculum and offer experiential and collaborative learning opportunities for students. Its governing principle has always been to examine the ways that new technologies can accelerate learning and

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## Maryland Welcomes Terrapins Home After Final Four

Testudo worked the crowd while cheerleaders and members of the dance team whooped and hollered. By the time Johnny Holliday, voice of



Photos by Cynthia Mitchell

the Terps, got to the microphone, the crowd needed little help getting to their feet for a standing ovation.

If the players looked a bit tired, it could be understood. According to President C. D. Mote, Jr., this is a "legendary team. This has been a legendary year." Fighting their way to the Final Four for the first time in university history is no small feat.



## OIT Names Executive Director for Networking and Telecommunications

**D**orothy Chrismer, a longtime member of the University of Maryland community, has been named the executive director of the Networking and Telecommunications Services (NTS) unit of the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Chrismer, who brings a wealth of experience and skill to the position, sees a robust communications network as fundamental to the university's continued success.

"We [at NTS] provide the backbone infrastructure for all information technology," she explained, "in support of the instructional, research, and administrative requirements of the university. We start with construction projects, with almost every major building at the university, and we make sure each one will have the infrastructure to support voice, data, and video. Just as every building needs electricity and water, it's now a necessity that every building be equipped with a powerful communications infrastructure. University students, faculty and staff can't function without it."

The network may be more important, and more pervasive, than a lot of people realize. "The communications network ranges from the basic services at your desk to the very high-end services that are used for research," said Chrismer. "NTS services are everywhere, from the desk telephone to the parking lot emergency telephone; from teaching theaters to cash registers and security systems. The supporting infrastructure is often hidden, so you may not be aware of what is used to provide the services. But we have engineers who provide design expertise, technicians who ensure precise installation, and operational staff to run the systems for uninterrupted services around the clock."

Chrismer has been the acting executive director of NTS since its inception in May 1999, as well as director of operations. Prior to that, she worked for 15 years in various directorial and managerial capacities in the Department of Communication and in Business Services at the university, supervising the installation, operation, and maintenance of a \$32 million telecommunications system during that time. Her roots at the University of Maryland go back even further, to her years as a student here during the 1970s, when she earned her bachelor of science degree.

"I'm very pleased to make the announcement of this appointment," said vice president and chief information officer Don Riley. "Dorothy has been doing two jobs for nearly

two years—and doing both well. She has demonstrated her leadership skills and ability to serve the university in this very important role."

As the executive director of NTS, Chrismer hopes to continue to expand and strengthen the existing network, and to work to support those elements of the university's Strategic Plan that focus on information technology and communications. For instance, one of the Strategic Plan initiatives calls for improved access to the data network from off-site remote locations and from dispersed wired or wireless public access points around the university. In support of this effort, Chrismer chairs the ITAC subcommittee charged with developing recommendations for remote access options.

In addition, NTS has been working to provide more on-campus access points. "If you have a meeting somewhere, you should be able to take your laptop and use the network there," Chrismer said. "Or, if you're a commuter, or even a student in a residence hall, you should be able to plug your portable device into the public access points."

The first and perhaps the best known of these access points is McKeldin Library. "That was our first pilot site," Chrismer said. "Now it has both wired and wireless access for any member of the university community to use the data network. We're also working on [providing] wireless access in select areas in the Architecture and Stamp Student Union buildings. We're interested in identifying more locations where improved access will be the most beneficial."

The ultimate goal? "Ubiquitous access. No matter where you are, anytime, anyplace, you should be able to get to the network. That's really what we're trying to ensure."

Another important goal for NTS, according to Chrismer, is to bring together university faculty, new technologies and outside corporate partners. "We want to do outreach with faculty and to partner with them on some of these activities so that they will be able to develop more grant requests. We want to continue to work with corporate partners, to introduce new technologies to the university and to develop some of it ourselves in collaboration with our corporate partners and/or with our university academic partners."

She cited as examples past partnerships with AT&T Bell Labs, which became Lucent Bell Labs during the AT&T breakup, and more recently with Avaya Communication, a Lucent spin-off. "We have tried many of their developing technologies—we give [each technology] a

real-world trial here and feed the results to the developers so that they can fine-tune the products before they go to market. Every day something new comes out, and we want to be on the leading edge and to roll out some of these new tools to the university community."

The university must have access to advanced high-speed networks to support research. There needs to be not only a fast and robust on-site infrastructure, but also integration with external national research networks. The university currently participates in the Internet2 initiative and in the Abilene network that supports Internet2, and the university has been selected to host the east coast interconnection point for the federal agency research networks: the Next Generation Internet Exchange (NGIX).

External network initiatives will provide for more collaboration and sharing of information among educational institutions and will promote collaboration with federal agencies and industry as well.

In the short term are a few upcoming changes and upgrades in the works. A major initiative related to the university's Strategic Plan is an upgrade of standard desktop network services from switched 10 megabits to switched 100 megabits. This will involve rewiring all buildings for improved data transmission capacity.

In addition, the current voice communications system is undergoing a phased upgrade to a new platform which will improve the capacity and reliability of voice communications and will enable more leading-edge voice technologies—such as wireless, Voice over the Internet Protocol (VoIP), messaging, and others—to be implemented in the future.

The transition to the new system is expected to be transparent for most users. NTS also recently upgraded its connection to the Internet, which will enable Internet traffic to and from the university to travel at faster speeds and will provide additional bandwidth to "grow into" as usage increases over time.

"People should see improved performance and reliability in all communications services," according to Chrismer. "Improvements will be rolled out in planned phases. Because of numerous infrastructure upgrades, you will begin to see more and more access options, faster service from your Internet connection and more leading-edge applications. Basically, we will lay the groundwork and prepare the communications infrastructure that will assist the university with meeting its strategic goals."

—DAVID DANOFF

## Mediators, Counselors Work Toward Better Campus

**A** consortium of advisors, counselors, mediators and investigators wants Maryland faculty, staff and students to know they are ready to work toward campus comity.

"With 34,000 people on campus, there are bound to be conflicts," said

responsible for the investigation, mediation and resolution of complaints derived from issues of discrimination on campus.

The Employee Relations section advises employees, administrators, managers and supervisors on a variety of employee relations issues; applies state and federal laws, and university policies and procedures in matters

affecting non-faculty personnel at the university; assists departments with

workplace conflict and policy issues; provides employee and supervisor counseling; assists the university in preparing testimony and evidence for grievance and unemployment hearings; monitors the probation process for new non-exempt employees; and provides assistance and advice to administrators and employees regarding layoffs.

Since 1988, the Faculty Staff Assistance Program has seen more than 2,000 employees (including a number of their family members) for a variety of problem areas, including job difficulties; alcohol and drug problems; marital and family problems; emotional distress (anxiety, depression, stress-related disorders, etc.); legal, financial and a variety of other concerns.

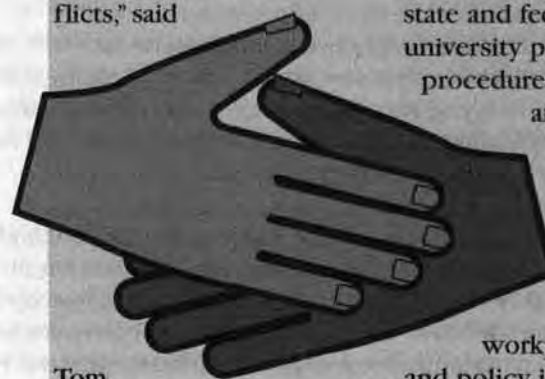
All of the offices guarantee their clients' confidentiality.

CNR representatives meet regularly to discuss cases, and sometimes even to resolve various "turf" issues. A common problem is one of climate, that is, people not getting along.

"We are looking for fair solutions," Graduate Student Ombuds Joanne DeSiato.

Not included in the CNR's long list of responsibilities is grievance resolution. "We're not decision-makers. We don't overrule the decisionmakers," Martin said. "What we do is negotiate, point out options. We give the campus community a place to start."

For further information on the Conflict Resolution Network, including services offered and contacts, visit [www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Departments/CNR/](http://www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Departments/CNR/).



Tom Ruggiero, coordinator for the Faculty Staff Assistance Program.

Ruggiero's program is one of six that make up the Conflict Resolution Network (CRN). The others are the Faculty Ombuds Office, Staff Ombuds Office, Graduate Student Ombuds Office, Compliance Officer and Employee Relations.

"We do different things," says L. John Martin, faculty ombuds officer. "What we have in common is, we deal in problems and conflicts that arise on this campus."

Adds Kevin McDonald, campus compliance officer: "This is a cooperative group."

It would have to be, given the array of issues the offices deal with, such as working relations and conditions, legal problems, pay and benefits, personal issues, disciplinary action, financial emergencies, ethical issues and disciplinary action. The offices also assist with academic advisement, tenure, promotion, retirement and contract terminations.

The three ombuds offices have similar duties. The Faculty Ombuds Officer negotiates or mediates in cases where a faculty member has a problem that could interfere with work performance. The Staff Ombuds Office seeks to minimize behavioral conflict in the workplace through mediation and referral services. The Graduate Student Ombuds Office offers assistance with advising, employment and housing, as well as issues of fairness.

The compliance officer in the Office of Human Relations Programs is





"They wanted to use it as a tourist attraction." —*Roald Sagdeev, director of the East-West Space Science Center, describes the uses envisioned by those who wanted to keep the space station Mir aloft. Using it to host tourists and as a location for television and film production. In the end, Mir, a miracle of a craft which spent 15 years in orbit and returned all of its crew members, was deep-sixed by the Russians in the Pacific Ocean. (Associated Press, March 23)*

"A trigger can be made to work only if politicians have the will to pull it." —*Allen Schick, professor in the School of Public Affairs, describes the reality of success for triggers on federal budgets, that would trip if funding was not there to support President Bush's proposed tax cut. (Business Week, March 26)*

"It means we will be doing for this region what Stanford and Berkeley do for the West Coast.... Companies have grown up here (Maryland, D.C., Virginia) and they will continue to grow up here more and more. We have built a major research university here. What we haven't done is put it all together. That's what we're doing now... So we're actively looking for ways to make it possible for industry, high-tech industry in particular, to interact easily with the campus. MIND Lab is a typical example of the sort of thing we're doing." —*Steve Halperin, dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, draws the big picture of where the campus is going with partnerships like the MIND (Maryland Information and Dynamic Networks) Lab partnership with Japan's Fujitsu announced last week. (New Technology Week, March 26)*

"We have a minority achievement gap that is striking down the score of the entire nation. If we don't tackle the digital divide, we will lose this thing." —*The "thing" is science and mathematics education, preparing teachers and workers for a technical 21st century. According to Edna Szymanski, dean of the College of Education, problems are especially severe among some schools with minority populations; where lack of opportunity to learn computer skills is widening the digital divide. (Washington Business Week, March 23-29)*

"The pace at which Corning was moving was too slow for me, and they weren't that aggressive with their (stock) options." —*The recent economic slowdown and NASDAQ slide is not slowing the tech talent wars. Chandrasekhar Pulara, who graduated with a Ph.D. in optoelectronics (computer and electrical engineering) in 1999, barely stayed a year at red-hot optics giant Corning before being stolen away by a growing Calient Networks in San Jose. (Raleigh News & Observer, March 25)*

"The difference is that unlike many newspaper companies, Knight Ridder has always prided itself on its editorial excellence. You have dozens and dozens of top editors and publishers in that company who know very well what happens to editorial product when budget cuts go too far." —*Thomas Kunkel, dean of the College of Journalism, remarks on the journalistic brouhaha created when the publisher of the San Jose Mercury News quit when parent company Knight Ridder made deep budget cuts. (San Jose Mercury News, March 20)*

"George Ritzer, a University of Maryland professor currently lecturing at Toronto's York University, said in an interview that a double-digit increase in Visa use for the eighth straight year is nothing to crow about. Rather, it's proof that Canadians and Americans are spending ever vaster sums on 'toys' we don't really need from saving accounts we don't really have... 'Our economies are increasingly dependent on people spending income they haven't earned, and we have to use credit cards, and now e-commerce, to keep it humming along at a level we're used to.' —*Ritzer, professor of sociology, is not a big fan of debt-spending, and especially decries the wooing of students to buy credit cards. (Ottawa Citizen, March 27)*

"Ten students each from the University of Maryland's Hillel Center for Jewish Life and the Nyumburu Cultural Center for black students will leave this week on a trip to Memphis, Tenn., for a Habitat (for Humanity) project with a difference. As they work together on the home, they will also try to learn about each other's cultures. 'This is an opportunity to build a relationship with a whole other community. Otherwise, we would've just walked past each other on campus,' said Ariel Vegosen, a junior majoring in journalism who will participate in the trip. She said that while the campus at Maryland was diverse, 'people tend not to interact as much as they should.' —*Instead of going to the beach for spring break, many students sought to help others with their vacation time. Another campus group of 14 went to Jacksonville to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. (Washington Times, March 18)*

## Ask Not What Your University Can for You...

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to volunteer for a two-hour period during Maryland Day 2001: Explore Our World on April 28th.

Shifts will be between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., staffing one of the 11 locator booths around the campus. Volunteers will be responsible for greeting the public, responding to questions and giving directions. In appreciation for their service, volunteers will receive a Maryland Day T-shirt and lunch. Please contact Grant Kollet at (301) 314-8212 or gkollet@accmail.umd.edu.

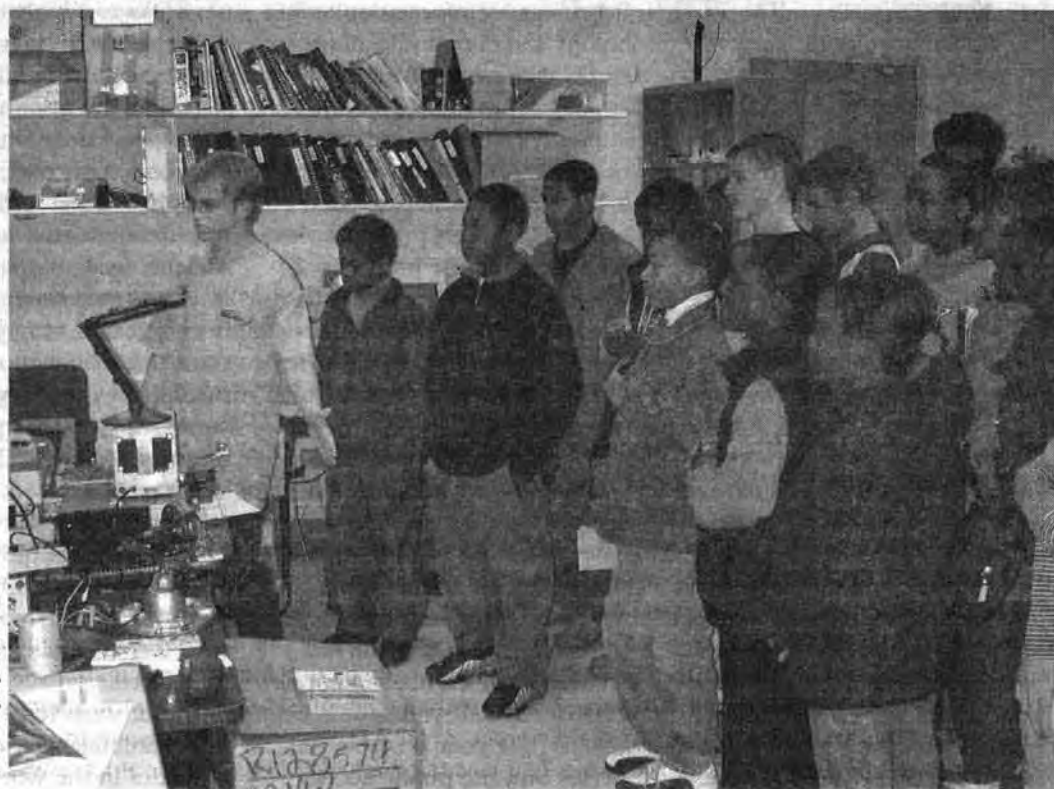


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Matt Cheely, a neurological and cognitive sciences graduate student, explains how his robot helps him study echolocation, the means by which bats interpret their surroundings. Cheely's audience was a group of middle school students from Calvert County Middle School, accompanied by their librarian, Judy Poe.

Approximately 60 students from Southern Maryland visited the campus last week as part of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP). Participants visited campus labs, participated in hands-on science experiments and met with university students. The School/University Cooperative Programs Office coordinated the day's activities.

The program is a joint effort between the university, the College of Southern Maryland, St. Mary's College, Calvert County, Charles County and St. Mary's County Public Schools.

## Teching with Technology

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to promote excellence and innovation in teaching and learning in the social sciences.

ICONS uses technology to support active and interactive learning in international relations. It gives students the opportunity to understand and actively experience the ways that foreign policy is created and implemented by the nations within the international system.

Students in the social sciences needed a laboratory to test theories about how nations create foreign policy and resolve conflicts in the international arena. In addition, they needed the chance to practice international negotiation skills in a context that could provide a counterpoint to theoretical study and reinforce that learning.

The team from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources responded to the Maryland Legislature's enactment of the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1998, which required all agricultural operations to

develop nitrogen- and phosphorus-based nutrient management plans by December 2001.

The legislation mandates the training of busy professionals across the state who will write these plans. Cooperative Extension faculty in Maryland are charged with developing effective educational plans in a timely manner that will help educate growers on better management practices that will reduce the flow of nutrients into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

This requires that nursery and greenhouse professionals and consultants who work with this industry learn to write water and nutrient management plans.

To achieve this objective, an interdisciplinary team of faculty and staff took advantage of a unique opportunity to utilize Web-based technology and the WebCT course-authoring tool to deliver educational information in a rich learning environment. This is the first attempt by Extension and other faculty to collaborate on a course that was designed for credit, non-credit students and off-campus Extension audiences.

## MIND Lab Launched

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a movie or show.

The MIND lab is part of the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies (UMIACS) within the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences. UMIACS is a research unit whose

mission is to foster interdisciplinary research and education in computing. The institute's research programs are led by distinguished faculty, most of whom hold joint appointments in the departments of computer science, electrical and computer engineering, geography, linguistics, philosophy and in the colleges of Education, Business and Information Studies.





Photo by Cynthia Mitchell

The Lambda Pride Alumni Club hosted a private cocktail reception before the Sandra Bernhard show "Because I Said So... Straight Talk from Ms. Sandra" at Tawes Theatre on April 4. Bernhard made a brief appearance at the reception and met members of the club who presented her with an official Maryland T-shirt as well as a stuffed Terrapin mascot for her 3-year-old daughter. Later, alumni and students enjoyed her show, which covered politics and other topics and included a question-and-answer session that led to some lively, controversial conversation. One of Bernhard's central themes of the evening was "Don't hide from who you are. Embrace it. Love it. Don't expect anyone to fight for you."

In the photo above, from left to right, are Tom Lowderbaugh '67, '76, Lambda Pride club leader and lecturer in the English department's professional writing program; Luke Jensen, director of LGBT equity; Sandra Bernhard; and Lori Hill '89, director of alumni special events and staff liaison to Lambda Pride.



Photo by Cynthia Mitchell

Four reporters attending a media fellowship on global climate change, listen and respond to meteorology professor Russ Dickerson during a presentation on greenhouse gases, aerosols, air pollution and ozone. The fellowship program drew on faculty from across campus to provide the reporters in depth reviews of what scientists know about global climate change and how it may affect us. The three-day program, which was planned and organized by the Office of University Communications under the auspices of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), also examined the political and policy issues related to global warming and other changes in the earth's climate.

## Teachers as Scholars

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nation's leading research universities.

"The goal of Maryland 'Teachers as Scholars' is to expose public school educators to the exciting new research being generated by our internationally renowned scholars in a broad range of disciplines,"

Strauch said. "Seminars provide intellectual renewal with no strings attached."

Seminar topics range from "Slavery in History and Memory" taught by renowned historian Ira Berlin, to "Solar System Exploration" taught by Lucy McFadden, a professor of astronomy who has received awards for her work on NASA projects.

The program will grow to include more counties in the state, Strauch said. Administrators from school districts in St. Mary's and Frederick counties have already approached Maryland about participating in the program. Organizers have already planned to include use of libraries, museums and other public research facilities in the second and third year, she said.

## New Health & Human Performance Dean

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of his Ph.D. work in 1970. The job, a combined appointment with the College of Education, also entailed being director of student teaching.

Because the college was—and is—so small, Wrenn often wore two hats within the department and the college. So in 1973, Wrenn was named assistant department chair and director of undergraduate programs. The trend continued when, in 1983, he was promoted to associate professor.

By the time he was named assistant dean of the college in charge of student affairs in 1986 and then associate dean in charge of academic affairs three years later, Wrenn had amassed significant experience in running a college.

When he was named interim dean of the college in 1999, it seemed he had held every management position possible. Until this March, when Provost Greg Geoffroy named him dean until June 30, 2002.

A distinction between being interim and active dean, as explained by Wrenn, is important. Much like students' view of a substitute teacher as one who just holds things down until the regular teacher returns, the public and others on the campus may get the impression that the college is just maintaining the status quo. Wrenn vigorously denies that this is the case. He's been active in the college's progress, pushing for more external funding and visibility. Being named dean just means another title.

"It's not going to impact the way I operate," Wrenn says. "We're moving forward."

When asked why he doesn't just stay at the helm of the college he's so successfully served during a challenging three decades, Wrenn sits back in his chair, crosses khaki-clad legs and sighs.

"I've been here for 35 years," he says. "It will soon be time to do something else."

Geoffroy is impressed with Wrenn's work. "He's had to make some tough decisions and he's made them well," he says. "He works very well with people."

He won't provide specifics, but the provost could be alluding to the many changes the College of Health and Human Performance has undergone in its last 10-15 years. Reorganization in the late '80s resulted in a name change and some downsizing. The College of Physical Education, Recreation and Health became the College of Health and Human Performance. Recreation was dropped, as was the department of human ecology. However, Family Studies came aboard and Wrenn was able to create a new master's program in sports management.

"It's still in place," he says. "We have more interest than we have resources."

And speaking of resources, Wrenn says his college has increased its external funding by 300-400 percent, allowing them to, for example, add a much-needed research coordinator to the staff. Though the college may be small, at 1,021 undergraduate and graduate students, Wrenn says it's quality that counts.

"We have about as many students as we can handle," he says. "It allows us to give them more personal attention. We're a small college in a big university. We can draw from that."

It is Maryland's increasingly favorable position that makes Wrenn's job even more challenging. In order to do the job right, he says, you've got to do a number of things simultaneously. He offers his replacement several pieces of advice.

"Work very hard at being a good listener. A dean should be a good facilitator and to do that you have to listen. It's important to do the things the university requires you to do, but it means you may be out of the office. Faculty and department chairs need to know that you will [make time] to listen to them."

"It's most important when you're on campus to be visible. Get out and visit faculty in their offices. Know what's going on, what their problems are. It's the faculty and the programs they run that are giving you your reputation."

Having good people on staff and a place to share ideas, such as the Deans' Council, are critical to success as well, he says.

"It's challenging, but an enjoyable challenge."

What Wrenn looks forward to enjoying after he steps down is time to golf, travel and spend time with his family. His wife, Betty, beat him to retirement after 35 years of public school teaching. Though his college's goal is to contribute to the elevation of the human race and existence, Wrenn would like to enhance his own quality of life as well. "I'm not interested in adding years to my life," he says, "but adding life to my years."

Wrenn admits that if needed, he may hang around until the new dean settles in. The college will be fine, though.

"The college is in a very positive position," he says.



# For Your Interest

## Muslim Month at Maryland

The Muslim Students' Association and the Muslim Women of Maryland cordially invite the campus to participate in a series of lectures, discussions and programs taking place throughout the month of April as part of Islam Awareness Month. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. The theme of the month is "Living Life to the Fullest: How Far Have We Come?"

The presentation "Feminism and the Liberation of Women: the Islamic Perspective," with Amal Stapley, holder of a B.S. in Islamic Studies and Head of the English program at Amerian Open University, will take place on April 12 at 7 p.m.

"Everything I Did Not Learn in Kindergarten," with Sheikh Anwar Alawlaky, will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m.

"Why Can't We Talk About God?" with Youssef Estes, a federal prison chaplain and former Christian preacher, will take place on April 25 at 7 p.m.

All events will take place in the Atrium of Stamp Student Union. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Pernilla Olaby-Vogt at (301) 314-8327.

## Digital Dreaming

The Office of Information Technology will be offering an Introduction to Dreamweaver class. This "Shortcourse Training" in the Web design software program will be held on April 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in 4404 Computer & Space Science.

Participants will learn to create a basic Web page, design and upload a site, work with text, add links, work with images, use tables and frames, create forms, use colors and backgrounds and create dynamic HTML effects using Dreamweaver 4.0. The fee for the class is \$125.

For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at (301) 405-0443 or at oit-training@umail.umd.edu; or register online at www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

## The Beat Goes On

Due to popular demand, Check to Check will continue to heat up the Golf Course Clubhouse with cool jazz every Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. until the end of the semester. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials are available from 4-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Gordon Douglas at (301) 403-4182 or at gdouglas@dining.umd.edu

## Foods and Fun from Foreign Lands

Last fall's International Food Fair was a great success, and the International Student Council (ISC) is sponsoring another this semester. The fair is an opportunity for all international students, faculty and staff to come together and celebrate diversity with the whole campus community.

This semester's International Food Fair will take place on Hornbake Mall on Wednesday, May 2 from 12-2 p.m. There will be performances by various international student groups and, of course, culinary delights from all over the world. The fair is organized and sponsored by the ISC, but also receives funding from various campus departments and offices.

Those interested should plan to arrive on time, as last fall, the event was quite popular. Don't miss out on the fabulous food!

For more information, please contact Pernilla Olabi-Vogt, president, International Student Council, at (301) 314-8327 or pvogt@wam.umd.edu.

## Easter Feasts

The Rossborough Inn will be hosting its annual Easter Day Buffet Brunch at 11 a.m. and Easter Dinner

at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Seats are filling up fast.

For reservations or more information, contact Christopher K. Cantore at (301) 314-8012 or ccantore@dining.umd.edu, or visit www.inform.umd.edu/muc and check the calendar of events.

The Golf Course Club House is also hosting an Easter Buffet, featuring a long list of menu items from fresh fruit and fish to roast beef and red potatoes. The

series sponsored by the university's graduate Creative Writing Program. A book signing will follow. For more information call (301) 405-3820.

## Song of the Sarod

In celebration of 10 years of community service the Association for India's Development (AID) presents "Soul of the Sarod," an evening of Indian classical

music featuring internationally renowned sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on April 22 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt.

The sarod is a short-necked, unfretted lute with eight strings. Its lack of frets make it ideal for Indian classical music with its characteristic meends (embellishments).

AID is a campus-based group of volunteers dedicated to promoting grassroots efforts in India that organize communities for health care, education, small enterprise, environmental action and people's rights. All proceeds will support AID's new initiative, the Hundred Block Plan, and other ongoing developmental projects in India. Tickets are \$50, \$30 and \$20. Student tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance. For more info about AID, visit www.aidindia.org.



Photo by Cynthia Mitchell

buffet will be served on Sunday, April 15 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling (301) 403-4240.

## We Commute and We're Proud!

Mark your calendar and plan to join Commuter Affairs and Community Service for Commuter Appreciation Day on Wednesday, April 18, 2001. Want to be a part of the festivities? You can help celebrate and honor our commuter students by participating as a button distribution site for "Proud to be a Commuter" buttons.

Commuter Appreciation Day is an all-day event that features a variety of activities specially designed for commuters, including free parking in Stadium Drive Garage, "Good Morning, Commuters!" in satellite campus locations, Stress Free Zone, Off-Campus Living Fair, and more.

For more information, contact Leslie Perkins at (301) 314-7250 or lperkins@accmail.umd.edu.

## Of Words, Space and Justice

Gretel Erlich, author of more than 20 volumes of fiction and non-fiction, will read from her works on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the McKeldin Library Special Events Room.

Also reading that night is poet Ira Sadoff, author of six collections of poetry.

Erlich began writing full-time in 1979 after working in Wyoming as a documentary filmmaker. Her book "The Solace of Open Spaces," chronicles her experiences herding sheep and working with Wyoming ranchers. Other works include "A Match to the Heart: One Woman's Story of Being Struck by Lightning," "Cowboy Island: Farewell to a Ranching Legacy," "Heart Mountain," and "Questions of Heaven: The Chinese Journeys of an American Buddhist."

Poems from Sadoff's most recent collection, "Grazing," were awarded the Jerome Shestack Award for the best poems to appear in The American Poetry Review in 1997, and the George Bogin Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America for originality of imagination and concern for social justice. Currently the Dana Professor at Colby College, he has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Creative Arts Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts.

The reading is part of the Writers Here & Now

## Women's Night Out

Take Back the Night is a diversity forum special event aimed at ending violence toward women. This year's keynote speaker is Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Events are as follows:

- 5 p.m.—Music
- 6 p.m.—Rally with keynote speaker
- 7 p.m.—March
- 8 p.m.—Vigil

The event will take place on Wednesday, April 11 from 6-9 p.m. in the Nyumburu Cultural Center. For more information, contact Pamela R. Morse at (301) 441-2441 or prmorse@yahoo.com.

## Conference on Commuter Concerns

A national teleconference to address how the college experience can be organized to meet the learning needs and circumstances of today's students, the vast majority of whom live off-campus, will be held April 26 in the Prince George's Room of the Stamp Student Union.

The conference, which begins at 1 p.m., is sponsored by The National Clearinghouse for Commuter Programs (NCCP), the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA), the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and the University of Maryland Commuter Affairs and Community Service Office.

The program will begin with a pre-conference event at 11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union, featuring a welcome, keynote speaker, luncheon, roundtable discussions on commuter issues and information displays. The pre-conference event is \$25 for professionals, \$15 for students.

The teleconference features panelists John N. Gardner, Senior Fellow and Distinguished Professor Emeritus, National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, University of South Carolina; Barbara Jacoby, Director, National Clearinghouse for Commuter Programs and Commuter Affairs and Community Service, University of Maryland, College Park; George Kuh, Professor and Director, National Survey of Student Engagement, Indiana University; Byron McClenney, President, Kingsborough Community College; and Maria Vallejo, Provost, Palm Beach Community College.

For more information, call (301) 405-0986.